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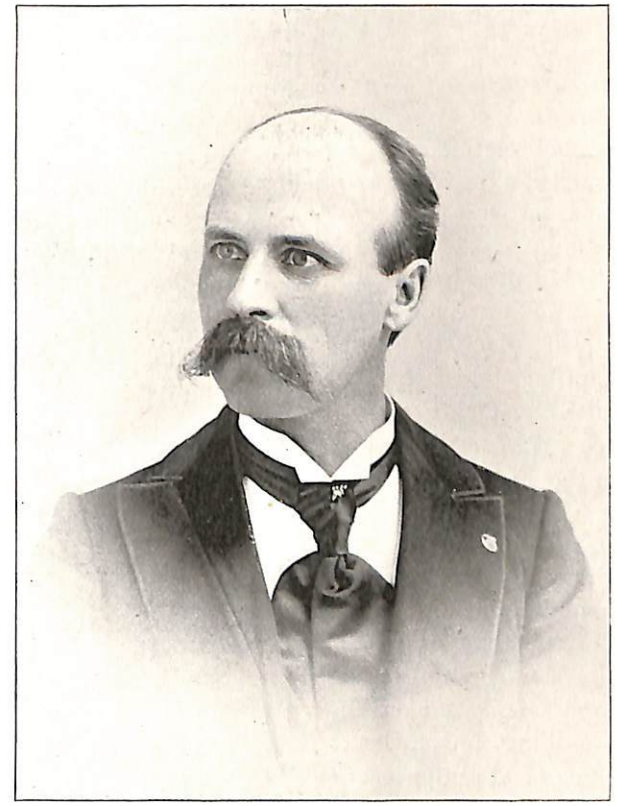

AMOS NORRIS ALBERTSON,
MOST EMINENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST, ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN IOWA.

A FEW COALS;

OR

THE MYSTERIOUS MARK.

[BY JOHN KENNEDY.]

It was a cold, bleak winter night, the ground was covered with snow that gritted harshly beneath the heel of the passer by, and its flakes sparkled like myriads of diamonds beneath the bright rays of the moon. The heavens were cloudless, the intensity of the cold, and the effulgent rays of the moon, rendered the blue etherial more transparent and brilliant than usual. The hoary frost danced and flashed through the atmosphere, like millions of living insects, regardless of the biting, stinging air.

The old watchman drew on an extra overcoat and added an extra pair of over-shoes to his feet. The footman closely muffled in his heavy cloak, hurried along with one hand elevated to his nasal appendage to protect it from the biting cold. An extra supply of wood was laid in the corner, and an extra scuttle of coal was tilted upon the grate. Extra clothing was placed upon the beds, and extra precautions taken to prevent the intrusions of "Old Jack Frost"—Every caution was necessary, for it was a bitter cold night with the thermometer far below zero.

Seated over a few coals that yet glowed in the grate, was a widow and her little son. Her forehead was broad and beautiful, and her phrenological development exhibited an intellectual woman. Her eyes were dark, large and brilliant, and deeply sunken in her head. Her dress was flimsy and patched. Though it bore the signs of abject poverty, it was clean and arranged with neatness. As she sat watching the dying embers, tears chased each other down her pale and haggard cheeks, and as each coal turned black or burned to ashes, a deep drawn sigh escaped her.

The wind whistled a melancholy dirge as it crept through the cracks and crevices of the old house, or in harsher tones rushed in at the broken windows. And the old rickety stairs groaned mournfully as they grated against the dilapidated old building. —The only piece of furniture in the room was an old bedstead with a few torn bed clothes thrown upon it. They were not sufficient to protect one in a cool summer night, much less a protection against the inclemencies of winter.

"You had better go to bed Willie," said the mother as she drew the shivering boy between her and the few coals that glowed in the grate. A tear fell upon his little head; and with a mother's kind protection, more vividly displayed, and stronger in poverty and affliction, she brushed it away and continued, "Say your prayers my son and go to bed, and I think to-morrow God will send us some kind friend to help us." The boy turned his eyes to his mother's. They were like her own, black, but more sparkling and dazzling. His face was bright and beaming with an intelligence and keenness rarely found in one of his age.

"Oh! mother I can't sleep on that bed, the cords hurt me so," replied Willie, and the tears glistened in his eyes.

"Well my son it is all we can do, for the night is very cold," and she pressed a kiss upon his chilly brow.

Willie sat in silent contemplation a few moments, and then raising up and drawing on his ragged old cap, he said, "I'll go down to Mr. Butler's coal-pile and get a few coals, he won't care, I'll give them back to-morrow."

Why, Willie," said his mother in surprise, "that would be stealing. You do not know Mr. Butler like I do, or you would not think of such a thing."

"Well mother, I don't think that is stealing for I intend to pay them back."

"You can't pay them back, you have no money to buy coals."

"I can work and earn some to-morrow,"

said he, passing out of the door and running down the old rickety stairs.

"You must not do it Willie, remember, "thou shalt not steal," said his mother, and as the last words fell on his ear he stopped and hesitated a moment, and then rushed on to the coal pile.

Willie was an honest and upright boy, and had been taught the principles of virtue and morality by his pious mother. It was a dagger to his heart to disobey her, or to think he was doing a wicked act. He loved his mother and as the tear of affliction dropped upon his little head, it seemed to anoint him with a holier and a stronger affection for his parent. Freeze to death, she must, and his little heart knew it; would he permit it when the means were within his reach to prevent it. He would work on the morrow and earn the money to pay for the coal he had taken. Such were his thoughts as he dug through the crusted snow with his bare hands in search of what was to him more precious than gold.

"Ah! Willie I must correct your disobedience," said the mother as she drew from the corner a switch that was worn smooth from use.

She drew more closely to the dying embers, and gently stirred them, lest their life would be gone before he returned. One by one they died away, and as each one turned black, she cast a glance at the door and listened more eagerly for his return. But he came not. Colder and colder grew the night, and more fiercely grew the winds, as if mocking at her poverty. The last spark lingered and glowed more brightly, as if it hesitated to leave the widow alone but suddenly it disappeared and all was darkness. Softly down her cheeks flowed the tears of misery, while over her chilled and shivering frame, were creeping the shades of death. His icy fingers were sealing up the fountains of life, and silently releasing the spirit of its troubles.

"Oh! my dear Willie" she said, as she turned her eyes toward heaven as if offering a prayer in his behalf. "Come to me my son, I am warm now," she murmured, "and listen to that sweet music, and see those pretty angels. Oh! how sweetly they sing and beckon us to come. Are you here Willie," and she tried to stretch forth her arms to embrace him. But already the cold winters night had paralyzed and firmly knit together the fingers that were clasped in prayer. Closer and closer drew the vision, and more softly grew her murmurs, until all were hushed except a gentle sigh. Still they bid her come, and for a moment the soul lingers as a spark; a flash,—an effort, —and it is borne away by angels, and the widow sleeps in death.

The curtains were half drawn from the windows of the sitting room of Mr. Butler, in which all the comforts, that wealth can bring were in use. As Willie gazed through the window upon the fire that glowed in the grate, it seemed to warm his soul and for a moment he forgot the cold world and the whistling wind that howled about his ears. The enchantment lasted but a moment, the feast was ended, and the imagination of future wealth that for a time flitted across his childish brain fled, and he was again in the land of reality. Those moments were but few, and the stern reality bitter; yet their reflections sweet.

His toes were protruding from his torn shoes, and his other clothing was scarcely sufficient to cover his nakedness, and was certainly not enough to protect him from the bitter cold.

As his thoughts turned again upon his mother and her condition, tears gathered in his eyes, and he turned away from the scene of comfort, sick at heart.

He thrust his bare hands through the crusted snow, and when he drew them forth they left their marks upon its white surface in blood. Again he grappled beneath the frozen crust, and brought forth a lump of coal. Another and another was added, un-

til he thought he had what his feeble arms could carry. His hands were dripping with blood and numb from the cold; he blew his breath on them, and then wrapped them in his ragged coat to restore them to their natural feeling. He paused a few moments and then gathering the coals in his arms was about to depart. A hand grasped him so roughly by the shoulder, that the coals dropped from his arms, and he was turned face to face with Mr. Butler.

"So—so—my youngster, I caught you at last, I have been watching for some time to catch the rascal who steals my coals, I have got you safe enough now. Ho! there police."

Willie was perfectly astounded at meeting Mr. Butler. It was an incident that had not entered his calculations, and of course astonished him the more. His intentions were perfectly honest, and in his anxiety to make his mother comfortable, every other point except accomplishing the object was overlooked. But when the word "steal" fell upon his ear, the charge of his mother came fresh upon his mind and he burst into tears.

"Cry away you little villain," said Mr. Butler, as the policeman came to them, supposing Willie's tears were caused by his fears of the officer.

"Take him along till morning, and then I'll have him sent to the House of Correction. Take him along I say."

"Yes, Mr. Butler," said the policeman, "but do you know the boy?"

"Know him? of course I do He and his mother live in that old shanty, and a more thieving set I never saw. Go along with him."

"Oh! sir" said Willie, as the tears streamed down his cheeks, "my mother and I were so cold, and we had but a little fire. I wasn't a going to steal your coals, I would pay them back to-morrow.

"You not steal, why I caught you with them in your arms; you pay them back, you have nothing to pay them back with."

"I could work for money and buy some."

"It is the way they all talk, and if a body was to listen to their stories I might buy coals for the whole neighborhood, and feed them besides."

"Oh let me go to my mother, I am so cold; she will keep me warm. Please sir do," implored Willie, as the policeman seized him by the arm to lead him away.

(Concluded Next Month.)

THEY WANT TO HEAR.

There is a growing interest, to judge by the generous attendance upon the part of the public when invited, to hear what may be said in public addresses on the subject of Freemasonry. We have often thought, prior to any pretensions as a lecturer in this field that, with a literature so instructive and helpful, that it is a great pity not to give more frequent opportunity to these uninformed, to hear something about the real and true work of the order. Where this is well and faithfully done we have seldom heard of any severe criticisms and oftener the information conveyed has been just what was needed to direct the mind to a class of information that they want and for which they are waiting anxiously.

LETTER AND SPIRIT.

The Holy Bible contains the announcement that "the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." We know nowhere, that this truth is more strikingly applicable than in Freemasonry. There be some who are so exacting of each word and syllable, of some particular "work" they have learned; and quick to argue and quote real or imaginary authority for the way this grand officer or that grand body rendered it. Correctness is all right in its place and perfect recitation is pleasing to the ear; but above it all is the spirit of true, deep, and appreciative acquaintance with the lesson to be drawn from the ceremonies and lectures of Masonry.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Marshalltown, June 4, 1895.
Nebraska, Omaha, June 12, 1895.
Kansas, Topeka, Feb. 20, 1895.

LET THERE BE LIGHT.

BY JOS. MOORE.

"Let there be light" Jehovah said,
And darkness at his fiat fled,
From East to West in bright display
Burst forth the glorious blaze of day.

So, they who seek Masonic light,
First wander through the shades of night,
But when the solemn pledge is through,
The Three Great Lights appear in view.

The Bible, God's own gift to man,
Reveals the great Masonic plan,
A Rule and Guide to Mankind given,
To light him on his way to heaven.

The Square makes all our actions true,
While we our sphere of life pursue,
The compass circumscribes our way,
Lest we from virtue's path should stray.

The Bible, Compass and the Square,
The strength derived from earnest prayer,
These aids to man will never fail,
But through the ages will prevail.

Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 263, Cedar Rapids, had six fellow craftsmen waiting (Jan. 31) to be raised, and other work in prospect. This lodge is greatly prosperous under the care of W. M., Dr. Cogswell.

While at Williamsburg recently we were creditably informed that the Lodge here is prospering finely, and making rapid growth. They have good quarters and are working in harmony. There was work ahead for the second and third degrees when we were there.

Grand Secretary Wilson, of Kansas, G. L., informs us that it is their ambition to imitate Iowa in their Masonic Library, and we commend their zeal; though they have a journey before them that is beset with many difficulties, it is yet only to those who persevere that the promised success comes. Hail, to Kansas.

We are glad to note that the prospects of the Masonic Temple in Cedar Rapids, being completed sooner than some have prophesied, are brightening daily. All branches and societies will welcome the day of its completion.

From Brother G. M. Scott we hear good news from Muscatine in all the Masonic bodies. The lodge is prosperous; about three "teams" are passing through the chapter, and three candidates are waiting orders in the Commandery.

Marion, No 6, Marion, represents a large membership in its present consolidated form, and has a large amount of work ahead. The plans for the upper arrangement of the new temple are about completed and the opening spring will witness a great activity in getting this structure ready for occupancy.

The Masonic Temple Association of Marion, Iowa, has served notice upon all subscribers to its stock, that final payment of the same must be made by April 1, 1895. This indicates the completion of the building early in this year and the settlement of the resident Masonic bodies in commodious quarters.

We note with pleasure that Brother Frank Van Saun, third son of our Geo. B., has been elected Worshipful Master of one of the oldest lodges in Jersey City, New Jersey. It is the lodge of which Isaac Van Saun, father of G. B., was the first Worshipful Master. A goodly Knickerbocker succession. We return thanks for a complete roster of the above lodge.

Burns Lodge 173, Monticello, Iowa, sent us a cordial invitation to attend a Masonic banquet and dance to be given Jan. 23, 1895. Music by the Italian band of Dubuque. The symbolic ornamentation on the cover of the invitation is simply beautiful. The writer and wife with Brother J. B. Smalley, wife and son, from Marion, were present at

the above gathering, "we" for the banquet and "he" for the dance. We have not in many a day met with a more delightful company of people than were snugly and cheerily settled in every nook and corner of the Masonic quarters, Monticello, Iowa, on Jan. 23, 1895.

Triumph Lodge No. 479 North English, has the energy that betokens future success. Recently they assumed the expense of two evening lectures on Masonry, and the Methodist church was literally crowded both nights. Brother J. D. Butler, W. M., takes up the gavel once more, ably supported by his predecessor as S. W. All the other officers are of the right material, and we prophesy that they won't live out in the country very long. They need and they have the pluck to get a new, good and permanent home.

On January 28, in company with a number of others, of No 6 and surrounding lodges, we spent an evening with Crescent Lodge No. 25, Cedar Rapids. As remarked by another visitor in our hearing, "My, this is inspiring, every officer knows just what to do, and how!" J. D. Morcomb was the candidate in the third, and he was apt and responsive. A palatable collation was served in the Armory and about seventy-five partook. Among the ladies present in the dining hall we noted Mrs. Evans, wife of the W. M., and Mrs. Elsom, wife of our J. Grand Warden.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

As will be seen by the "Annals" of Iowa, for 1894, an effort was made to secure an amendment to the code such as would procure such schools. (See page 177).

SECTION 229 (*a*). DISTRICT SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

For the purpose of holding schools of instruction *throughout the jurisdiction*, the state is hereby divided into districts co-extensive with the congressional districts, and one Deputy Custodian shall be appointed each year by the Grand Master in each district, whose actual expenses in attending the schools of instruction in his district and the Grand Lodge School of Instruction shall be paid by the Grand Lodge. A three days school of instruction shall be held in each district each year, to be in charge of the Visiting Custodian and the District Deputy. The Masters of the several lodges or their proxies shall attend the school of instruction in their several districts, respectively, and their actual expenses shall be paid by their lodges."

On its return from the Committee on Jurisprudence (page 209) it was reported adversely and hence by concurrence of the Grand Lodge rejected.

We believe that the features that experience and observation have made feasible and practicable in the plan should be revived and passed upon next June.

Instead of the complex plan of the above amendment, let the districts be arranged by the Visiting Custodian, in such manner as his wide acquaintance with the state and its railroad lines will direct. Let the district deputies and the expense features out as they now are, and with our present Custodian we fully believe the work of an annual school of three days in each district would be possible. The school of instruction is not falling into disrepute among the lodges, rather, it is the other way, and with the appeals of the less populous lodges for the benefits, we believe the relief would be beneficial, successful and economical. Let us have a trial of it anyhow.

SIXTY YEARS AFTER.

Sixty years ago, Father Theodore Schreiner, the venerable keeper of the portals of the various grand Masonic bodies of Iowa, and his good wife, began their wedded life. It was on January 11, 1835, and on that date, January 1895, it was celebrated. From the *Free Press*, of Mt. Pleasant, we glean the following notice of the event:

It is seldom that any wedded pair have the opportunity of celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary. The second celebration in Mt. Pleasant of this number of years occurred last week, Friday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schreiner, in this city. The day was the most inclement of the season, but large numbers of friends called during the afternoon to attest their affection and respect.

For sterling merit, and changeless fidelity to what to him seemed highest and best in organized principle, in fraternal relations and religious principle, none can excel "Father Schreiner." These friends have been residents of Mt. Pleasant from its earliest times, and are identified with its development and growth. Both are well beloved by a large circle of friends: while Mr. Schreiner has a state-wide—and more than state-wide reputation, especially in Masonic circles.

The Universalist church, of which he has been a member all his married life, sent a rose for each—sixty—of that life. Mr. Fred Wait presented them in a happy speech for the church.

Every child and grandchild but one was present.—that was a grand-daughter whose school duties prevented attendance. Rev. Edward Schreiner and daughter Olive, of Fairfield, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schreiner and their five children, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Schreiner and Mr. McCormick Schreiner, were all present. The occasion was one of extreme geniality.

In the evening about 8 o'clock, all that could smack of "program" or formality occurred, when Rev. Keyes and Rev. Schreiner made apt remarks. Mrs. Marsh, in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Schreiner, thanked the church people for their gift of roses, and Mrs. Palm read an original poem written for the occasion by Mrs. C. T. Cole, while en route for the clime of warmth and sunshine. Taken as a whole, the event was fitting to mark a period in the mortal pathway of these good people.

MASON'S HOME LODGE.

At Iowa Falls the Lodge has two candidates for the third and one each for the other degrees. The Worshipful Master has shown his energy by getting out a souvenir memorandum, with pages devoted to Grand Lodge officers, Past Masters, officers of the lodge, and a bulletin of stated communications and finally a list of all who have ever been members of the lodge. The lodge was instituted April 26, 1866, under a dispensation granted by Grand Master E. A. Guilbert. In these 19 years there have been 217 members, 20 have died, 70 demitted, 13 suspended and 2 expelled.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

We acknowledge a pleasant courtesy in the call of Bro. Frank P. Webber, of Cherokee, Iowa, on Jan 15.

To. R. E., W. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder, for the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, for 1894.

To Worshipful Brother, A. M. Worden, of St. Joseph, Missouri, for the neat and tasty "Masonic Directory" of St. Joseph, Mo., for 1895.

To Companion R. M. J. Coleman, Sec'y. of Antioch Chapter 110 R. A. M., Des Moines, for their "Masonic Directory and Calendar" for 1895.

To the "Scottish Freemason" for the valuable special, St. John's Day number of that valued exchange in which we find much interesting and instructive matter.

To R. E., William B. Isaacs, Jr. Grand Recorder for the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of the state of Virginia, held in Richmond, Oct. 15, 1894.

To Illustrious H. M. Myers, Recorder of Zurah Temple, N. M. S., Minneapolis, for a copy of By-Laws, and Roster of his temple, beautifully bound in leather. A valuable keep-sake.

To Sir L. O. Bliss, Iowa Falls, for a copy of "Twenty-five Years of Scientific Progress," and other essays, by Dr. Wm. North Rice, Ph. D., LL. D., which we shall read with pleasure and to profit.

To Alf. Wingate, Grand Recorder, for Vol. 6 of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Iowa K. T., 1891-4, as well as other important Templar documents which facilitate our editorial work.

To Illustrious Chas. E. Fink, Recorder of Saladin Temple, N. M. S., Grand Rapids, Mich., for a copy of History, Constitution of the Order, By-Laws and Roster, neatly bound in cloth, gilt side stamp. Worthy of a place of honor in the archives.

To W., P. J. Martin, Iowa Falls, for the hand-book and guide of Masons, Home Lodge No. 192, Iowa Falls, a "Souvenir for 1895." The first note we make therein is our promise to go the length of our cable-tow, to join the Lodge in labor or refreshment, or both.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ——, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Dubuque, Sept. 26, 1895.
Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 11, 1895.

OUR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

As will be noticed on the initial page of this number, we have the honor to present the handsome and alert features of the M. E. Grand High Priest, of Royal Arch Masons in Iowa. He first saw the light of day in Orange, Ashtabula county, Ohio, September 4, 1849. He came to Iowa in 1865 and made this and Cleveland, Ohio, his home until 1872, when he located permanently in Washington, Iowa, where he now resides. His life partner was Miss Sadie Hebner, whom he married January 7, 1874. They have three children, one boy and two girls: Their son, aged 19, is in the collegiate department of Iowa University, Iowa City; the daughters, aged 12 and 5, are yet in the home. Companion Amos Norris Albertson has held various positions of trust in his home city. He had been of lawful age three weeks when he petitioned lodge No. 379, South Cleveland, Ohio, for the honors of Masonry. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the winter of 1870-71 and at the next regular communication was appointed Senior Deacon, which office he filled successfully until he left for the West in February, 1872. He has filled the several different stations in all the Masonic bodies; that of Master, 1883 4, Commander, 1885-6, and for six continuous years, just retiring, as High Priest in his Chapter. He exalted eighteen in the year 1894.

Brother Albertson was Sen. Grand Warden of Masons, in 1893. He commenced service in the Grand Chapter, as Grand Master of the Second Veil in 1884, and made the different steps upward until in 1894, he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest at the Grand Convocation in Sioux City. In addition to his relations to the aforementioned Masonic bodies, he is also a member of Kaaba Temple N. M. S. of Davenport, Iowa. Among his Masonic brethren of whatever degree, our Grand High Priest is fixed in the respect and affection of them all as a man; upright in life, honorable in his dealings in business, loyal to the best interests of the order, and taken all in all a worthy incumbent of the lofty station to which, by the choice of his Companions, he has been chosen as our leader for the time being.

LODGE LAW IN CHAPTERS.

With such necessary changes in forms and methods as may tend to render the same applicable, the laws of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons upon the subjects of changes, notice, and service thereof, appearance, trial, evidence, allegations, pleading, judgment, method of inflicting punishment, offenses in open lodge, appeals, and all subjects akin thereto, shall apply to govern and control all action taken by Chapters upon charges preferred, except in such matters as the Grand Chapter may by law have otherwise directed.—*Sec. 199 Grand Chapter Law.*

STANDING AFTER RESTORATION.

Section 3, Article XIV of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Iowa reads as follows: Any Royal Arch Mason who shall be deprived of his rights as such by reason alone of the action of a lodge shall be restored to all such rights upon restoration to his rights as a Master Mason.

The young Chapter at Williamsburg is showing evidences of strength and has prospects of a healthy growth, though the number of constituent lodges is small.

Barrett Scott, the murdered Holt county, Nebraska, Treasurer, was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Boston, Mass., Aug. 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1895.
Missouri Grand, St. Louis, April 23, 1895.

GRAND COMMANDERY
Knights Templar of Iowa.

APARTMENTS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

General Order No. 1.

WEST UNION, Ia., Jan. 17, A. D. 1895.

At the last annual conclave of the Grand Commandery the system of inspection of the previous year was continued. In accordance with said action it is therefore hereby ordered.

I.

That for inspection purposes this Grand Jurisdiction be divided into nine inspection districts, each of which is placed under the supervision of a Sir Knight as follows, to-wit:—

FIRST DISTRICT—Inspector, Right Eminent Sir David W. Clements, Grand Commander.
Palestine Commandery No. 2 ..... Iowa City
St. Omer Commandery No. 15 ..... Burlington
Apollo Commandery No 26 ..... Cedar Rapids
Patmos Commandery No. 27 ..... Marion
Nazareth Commandery No. 33 ..... Manchester
Joppa Commandery No 55 ..... Charles City

SECOND DISTRICT—Inspector, Very Eminent Sir Thomas B. Lacy, Deputy Grand Commander.
Temple Commandery No 4 ..... Des Moines
Oriental Commandery No. 22 ..... Newton
Kedron Commandery No. 42 ..... Atlantic
Godfrey Commandery No 44 ..... Audubon
Mt. Zion Commandery No. 49 ..... Harlan
Gerard Commandery No 56 ..... Perry
Alhambra Commandery, U. D. ..... Stuart

THIRD DISTRICT—Inspector, Eminent Sir Thomas R. Ercanbrack, Grand Generalissimo.
Columbian Commandery No. 18 ..... Sioux City
Calvary Commandery No. 24 ..... Fort Dodge
Rose Croix Commandery No 38 ..... Sac City
Crusade Commandery No 39 ..... Cherokee
Triune Commandery No 41 ..... Webster City
St. Elmo Commandery No. 48 ..... Iowa Falls
Plymouth Commandery U. D. ..... Le Mars

FOURTH DISTRICT—Inspector, Eminent Sir Francis H Loring, Grand Captain General.
St. Johns Commandery No. 21 ..... Centerville
Constantine Commandery No. 23 ..... Osceola
Elchanan Commandery No. 28 ..... Keosauqua
Bethany Commandery No. 29 ..... Creston
Malta Commandery No. 31 ..... Ottumwa
Bruce Commandery No. 34 ..... Red Oak
Immanuel Commandery No. 50 ..... Chariton

FIFTH DISTRICT—Inspector, Eminent Sir George W. Bever, Grand Senior Warden.
De Molay Commandery No. 1 ..... Muscatine
St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery No. 9 ..... Davenport
Holy Cross Commandery No 10 ..... Clinton
Trinity Commandery No. 16 ..... Monticello
Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 36 ..... Anamosa
Tancred Commandery No. 40 ..... Maquoketa

SIXTH DISTRICT—Inspector, Eminent Sir John H. Pettibone, Grand Junior Warden.
Damascus Commandery No. 5 ..... Keokuk
De Pavens Commandery No 6 ..... Oskaloosa
Jerusalem Commandery No. 7 ..... Mt Pleasant
Bethlehem Commandery No 45 ..... Washington
Delta Commandery No 51 ..... Ft. Madison

SEVENTH DISTRICT—Inspector, Right Eminent Sir W. F. Cleveland, Past Grand Commander.
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St. Bernard Commandery No. 14 ..... Belle Plaine
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 17 ..... Council Bluffs
St. Aldemar Commandery No. 30 ..... Marshalltown
Emmaus Commandery No. 35 ..... Jefferson
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Baldwin Commandery No. 11 ..... Cedar Falls
Ascalon Commandery No. 25 ..... Waterloo
Kenneth Commandery No. 32 ..... Independence
Cyprus Commandery No. 37 ..... Vinton

NINTH DISTRICT—Inspector, Eminent Sir Samuel I. Williams, Past Grand Senior Warden.
Honorius Commandery No. 8 ..... McGregor
Beauseant Commandery No. 12 ..... Decorah
Coeur de Leon No. 19 ..... Osage
Antioch Commandery No. 43 ..... Mason City
Langride Commandery No. 47 ..... West Union
Esdraelon Commandery No. 52 ..... Estherville
Eudora Commandery No 52 ..... New Hampton

II.

The following rules will be observed:

1. Said inspection will take place between March 1st, A. D. 1895, and May 15, 1895; the date of each inspection to be fixed by the inspector, who will give reasonable notice of such date to the Commandery through its Commander. The inspectors are hereby authorized to summon, or to require the Commanders of the several Commanderies to summon the members to attend at inspection whenever the same may be deemed necessary, and the several Commanders will render the inspector every assistance in making the inspection and receive him in proper form, but it is recommended that no banquet be given.

2. At the time of inspection each Commandery will be opened and closed with full ceremonials and confer the Order of the

Temple. If there be no actual candidate, then some Sir Knight will be designated by the Commander to act as a candidate.

3. It is expected that the work will be done by the officers of the Commandery inspected.

4. Each inspector will correct any errors that may be made, and carefully instruct the Commandery upon any part of the work or tactics not properly done.

5. As soon as the inspection is made, the inspector will make a full report of the same to the Grand Commander on a blank which will be furnished for that purpose by the Grand Recorder; and at the conclusion of the report make such remarks and suggestions as shall be by him deemed best for the good of the Order, and to a full understanding of the condition of the Commandery inspected. Each inspector will keep an accurate account of his necessary expenses while in the discharge of his duties and present the same to the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery for payment.

D. W. CLEMENTS,
Grand Commander.

Attest ALF. WINGATE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDER'S LETTER.

WEST UNION, IA., Feb. 1, 1895.

REV. J. W. GEIGER;

Eminent Frater;—The Boston people have secured headquarters for us for the next Triennial Conclave there, being a house, No. 529 Massachusetts avenue, with fifteen rooms to accommodate thirty people at $2.50 per day for each person, with board, and fifty dollars per day additional for the house. Also the adjoining house, being No. 527 Massachusetts avenue, with five rooms, accommodating ten people at $1.50 per day for each person, and ten dollars per day for the use of two parlors and a drawing room on first floor, the latter to be used for headquarters proper. Sir Knights T. B. Lacy and C. W. Eaton were the committee visiting Boston, and the contracts are now in the possession of Sir Knight Eaton. At the meeting of the full Triennial committee, it was decided to make Chicago the rallying point, and to have no official route in Iowa, but to give all the Iowa roads an equal chance, and as all the lines centered in Chicago it was more convenient to meet there than anywhere in the state.

Courteously yours,
D. W. CLEMENTS.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

The plans for the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Iowa are similar to those of last year. The Grand officers and their families, with such others as desire, will go to Templar Point as early as July 5th. Religious services will be conducted Sunday afternoon by the Grand Prelate. The official order of the Grand Commander is forthcoming and worthy of attention. Ho, for Templar Park.

Virginia has twenty-one Commanderies with 1,365 Sir Knights enrolled.

The R. E. Grand Commander of Iowa met the members of his staff at Cedar Rapids on January 25, to inaugurate arrangements for the Annual Grand Conclave of Iowa at Spirit Lake, July 9, 1895.

Gerard, No. 56, of Perry, Iowa, gave a splendid reception and banquet on February 5, 1895, from which we were sorry to be detained by other engagements. Gerard is one of the liveliest of our younger Commanderies.

Patmos Commandery, No. 27, Marion, Iowa, has continued the pleasant courtesy extended to the writer, of presenting its Past Commander with a jewel on retiring from office, by procuring a beautiful specimen of the kind for Sir Elon D. Humphrey, P. C., and having it properly engraved with his name and the date of presentation.

Down in Missouri they have done a wise thing by making it the duty of the Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies to report the names of non-affiliated Templars in their annual returns. Let Iowa learn a helpful lesson therefrom.

We note with pleasure the effort of the Fraters at Anamosa to arrange for a continuance of the United Easter Service, held first by Patmos, No. 27, in Marion, then at Monticello, and now at Anamosa, with the Grand Prelate as the preacher for the day.

Everts Commandery No. 18, Rock Island, Ill., were "at home" to invited guests on February 8th, at the Masonic Temple in their city. Sir O. M. Boyles of Marion, is a member of this Commandery and was, of course, among the number invited to participate.

We note by the local press of Emmettsburg and elsewhere that Sir Knight, Col. E. S. Ormsby is strongly presented as a Republican candidate for Governor of Iowa at the next election. We are not in politics much, but we know no one whom we'd any rather serve under, if elected, than our Frater of the northern prairies.

From Sir Knight M. S. Schermerhorn of Mason City, we learn that the new Masonic Temple is being pushed to completion, and will be dedicated soon. Our dear friend Sir C. H. McNider has been honored as E. C. of Antioch, and the writer above named has after long and honorable service as Recorder, found it necessary to decline re-election; but he's Warden still. We know Mason City to love it.

Sahara—monthly, devoted to the interests of the Princes of Iran of the World, comes to us from Davenport, Iowa, J. G. Shand, publisher, $1 per year. We welcome the journal to our tent; our Persian brother is welcome to appropriate the desert name since the world is so large that no contention need arise. By the way, will our new exchange please explain *what* he would like to hear from us? We are not so fortunate as to belong to Iran.

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Sann, and we shall have his corrections each month.

The Visiting Custodian informs us (Jan. 22) that he has already held schools of instruction in twenty-six different places, all very well attended, and will show good results in time, judging from the interest manifested. The amount of work is greater than last year notwithstanding the depressed condition of financial matters. The manifested interest is a source of satisfaction and pleasure to our brother Van Saun.

Revised list of appointments for the future is as follows:

Cambridge, Feb. 6 and 7. x
Paton, Feb. 8 and 9. x
Onawa, Feb. 11 and 12. x
Hawarden Feb. 13 14 and 15. x
Sibley Feb. 16 and 18.
Spirit Lake, Feb. 19 and 20. x

The above places have signified their acceptance of dates. Another route is as follows, viz:

Creston, Feb. 26 and 27.
Cumberland, Feb. 28, Mch. 1 and 2. x
Oakland, Mch 4. x
Elliott March 5 and 6
Chariton March 7 and 8.

These lodges have also accepted dates. Another route as follows, viz:

Iowa City, March 12 and 13.
Burlington, March 14, 15 and 16.
Danville, March 18 and 19.
Farmington, March 20 and 21.
Dowds, March 22 and 23.
Prairie City, March 25 and 26.
New Sharon, March 27 and 28.

These lodges have accepted, with exception of Prairie City and New Sharon, which have not yet reported. Another route partially laid out, viz:

Boone, April 2 and 3.
Dennison, April 4 and 5.
Persia, April 6 and 8.

With Lewis, Parkersburg, Laurens, Riceville, Akron, Garner, Corydon, LeMars, Barnes, together with several other verbal calls to be filled in if the season holds out satisfactorily.

GEO. B. VAN SAUN, V. C.

AMONG EXCHANGES.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

General Lord Wolseley makes a most important contribution to the literature of the China-Japan war. In an article for the February *Cosmopolitan*, he discusses the situation and does not mince matters in saying what China must do in this emergency. Two other noted foreign authors contribute interesting articles to this number. Rosita Mauri, the famous Parisian danseuse, gives the history of the ballet, and Emile Ollivier tells the story of the fall of Louis Philippe. From every part of the world, drawings and photographs have been obtained of the instruments used to torture poor humanity, and appear as illustrations for a clever article, by Julian Hawthorne, entitled, "Salvation via the Rack." Mrs. Reginald de Koven, Anatole France, W. Clark Russell, Albion W. Tourgee, and William Dean Howells are among the story tellers for the February number of *The Cosmopolitan*.

We again gladly respond to the proposition, first published by Brother Lyle M. Fisher, of the *Masonic Record*, St. Paul, Minn., and called up now by Dr. Kuhn, in the *Orient*, for a meeting of Masonic editors and writers in Boston, Triennial week next August. The F. & F. will be there.

The Railway Conductor, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is the official organ of the Order of Railway Conductors and is one of our most valued exchanges. Those sterling and worthy gentlemen and Masonic brethren, E. E. Clark, Grand Chief, and Hon. W. P. Daniels, Grand Secretary of the Order, are at the helm, and are keeping their Journal up to the standard in excellence. No. 1 of Volume 12 comes to us clothed in a fine new cover design, fresh from the same engravers who executed our cover page, and we consider it neat, tasteful and beautiful. Having lived among railroad men for about twenty years we have a personal interest in their doings and will always consider that we have some title to that "perpetual friendship." Shake, brothers, and signal off brakes.

Russell's Railway Guide, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has come to be one of our most reliable traveling companions, and we welcome it to our exchange list and to the number of our advertisers. Knowing as we do the genial publishers, and the care with which the monthly corrections are made, we heartily commend it to the readers of this journal. $2 per year; 25 cents a copy.—*Russell's Railway Guide*, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

The Illinois Freemason, Bloomington, is an exchange which we duly appreciate, but we consider the *epithetic* spirit of that communication published in January in which the name of our venerable Grand Secretary is slurred, as more fit for the waste basket. Let the gentleman start a personal correspondence by mail, Brother Darrah, and it will not be so evident that the writer of the communications lacks courtesy—and grammatic sense.

The Midland Monthly's supply of good reading must be inexhaustible. The February *Midland* contains ninety-six pages of deeply interesting reading, including a Mississippi river sketch by Hamlin Garland, delightful stories, choice poems and the following profusely illustrated papers: "A Bit of Holland in America," by Cyrenus Cole; "Among the Moors," by Catharine Carpenter Taylor; "Saunterings in Summerland," by J. Torrey Connor; Joseph Keppler, Caricaturist," by Charles F. Collisson; "The Land of Ophir, a Word Picture," by Ben al Hassan; "Underground Railroad Adventures," by G. W. E. Hill; "Women Writers in Washington," by Juliette M. Babbitt; "The Mystic Shrine," by B. W. Blanchard.

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OUR STORY.

The Western Freemason, from which we quote the story published in this number, began its career April, 1857, under the editorial management of James R. Hartsock, P. G. H. P. of Louisiana, and at that time G. H. P. of Iowa Grand Chapter. In his introduction he notes the fact that "the East have their Masonic Magazines, the South has its *Signet*, the Southwest its *American Freemason* and the Center its *Masonic Review*, and now the West will have its *Western Freemason*." The author of the story was the printer and the place of publication was Iowa City, Iowa.

WHENEVER any department of this journal comes along that does not exactly meet your eye, will you kindly remember that it may likely be the one some other brother thinks most of.

WE had commenced a series of quotations from the communications of kindly mention over our changed journal, but to do them all justice would require pages of space, so we must again say our thanks to one and all for their kind words which we will strive to cherish at their true worth.

NOTHING enriches service like appreciation and nothing convinces of that fact quite so fully as reciprocation.

FOR the completion of files we need No. 1, Volume 1, May, 1893, and No. 8 of Volume 2, December, 1894. We would be glad to get one or more of each.

WE have pretty nearly achieved our desire in regard to the general make-up of the modest journal started in May, 1893; but we are not content now to rest at what we have. We want to make our work more widely useful and our Masonic friends can help us.

THE platform of non-controversy upon which we have stood ever since the sending forth of our "prospectus," though hit at and assaulted with wordy arguments, still meets with the hearty approval of the great mass of our readers. While we are willing to publish statements of fact that have been the subject of legislation, we will attack no man, strong or weak.

OUR feeling of courtesy to the fraternity press is so strong within us that we unhesitatingly nail up strict orders that no item or article shall go into type for this journal with "*Ex.*" attached to it. We are already conscious of the loss of valuable items, most worthy of quotation, but we are so constituted and shall so act in the belief that it is due to the writer or the journal originally putting forth an article to give full credit.

WITH the magnificent array of Masonic literature within our reach, through the Masonic Library and the scores of Masonic journals on our exchange list, we regard the task of editing this magazine as a most pleasant literary employment for mind and pen. We cannot, in terms strong enough, express our appreciation of the magnanimous courtesy of the greater minds, who have ever extended to us the right hand of fellowship.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET.

General Grand Chapter, Boston, Mass , August 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand Chapter, Charles City, October 16-17, 1895.

NEW CHAPTERS.

ORGANIZED SINCE GRAND CHAPTER, 1894.

Clover Leaf Chapter, West Bend—Miss Maggie McFarland, W. M.; L. F. Niebensten, W. P.; W. H. Meade, Sec'y.

Lynnville Chapter, Lynnville—Mrs. Marietta Dryden, W. M.; Dr. H. C. Smith, W. P.; E. B. Macey, Sec'y.

Silver Urn Chapter, Malvern — Lena Gidley, W. M.; H. A. Norton, W. P.; Lulu Woodrow, Sec'y.

Garfield Chapter, Kingsley— Mrs. S. M. Comady, W. M.; J. J. Wilder, W. P.; R. B. Thompson, Sec'y.

December 4th, the North English, Iowa, Chapter was instituted by Grand Matron Woods at North English. Mrs. E. A. Butler, W. M.; J. E. Gill, W. P.; C. L. Jarvis, Secretary.

From the *Compass, Star and Vidette* we glean that Aola Chapter was instituted by Grand Matron Sarah E. Woods, at Agency City, Iowa, in November. Mrs. E. D. Woodford, W. M.; O. L. Shadford, W. P.; Miss Jennie Striblone, Secretary.

STUART, Iowa.—From *The Locomotive* we glean the news that the fixed and moving stars were in happy conjunction there on January 15th. The event was heightened by the presence of P. G. P., G. H. Jackson and the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Maria Jackson, together with Columbia Chapter of Anita. Stuart Chapter entertained the guests with supper at six. Work was exemplified by Columbia and the floral work by Stuart with two candidates. The installation of officers followed, with Mrs. Jackson as G. M., and Mr. Jackson as Grand Marshal. At midnight the party broke up and Columbia Chapter left for home on No. 1, Wednesday morning. Stuart Chapter O. E. S. numbers sixty-four active members and all were proud to have had the honor of entertaining such pleasant guests as were the visitors on this occasion. The officers are as follows: Dora Gilmore, W. M.; George Lynch, W. P.; Emma F. Neal, A. M.; Kate Cook, Secretary; Kate Leighton, Treas.; Mary Small, Cond.; Margaret Lynch, A. C.; Mamie TenEyck, Adah; Mary McCrae, Ruth; Fanny Sever, Esther; Anna Smull, Martha; Jennie Savage, Electa; Louise Berner, Chaplain; Ella Windowmaker, Warder; Adah Harris, Marshal; Chas. McCrae, Sentinel.

A WATERLOO LETTER.

WATERLOO, IA., Jan. 24, 1895.

BROTHER GEIGER:

The improved edition of your paper at hand, and certainly merits the approval of all its readers. We congratulate you and ourselves upon your well merited success.

We also note a very much deserved reproof in the columns devoted to the interest of the Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters, what is the matter that we do not avail ourselves of the very kind offer made to us by Brother Geiger at Keokuk last fall, that we make free use of a department of his paper, and publish therein matters of general and public interest to the members of our Order, Let's "wake up.".

Waterloo Chapter, No. 128, is now in fine working order, with a very able board of elected officers, consisting of Mrs. Matt. Parrott, W. M.; Geo. R. Turner, W. P.; Mrs. E. Roby, A. M.; Nettie Schwab, Secretary, and A. H. Holt, Treasurer, with the stations of the appointed officers very capably filled. Joint installation was held with Waterloo Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Mrs. Kate C. Brechner, Past Worthy Matron of Waterloo Chapter, and Grand Adah installing the officers of the Chapter, and C. D. Becker, Past Worshipful Master, installing the Blue Lodge officers, followed by a banquet and a general good time.

At last evening's meeting, January 23d, two candidates were initiated, Brothers Roby and Pinkerton, and ballot resulting favorably had on seven applications for membership. Waterloo Chapter is getting to the front in membership, as well as being one of the good working Chapters of the state. We have lately added a new chapel organ to the lodge room furniture, which is a great improvement.

Very truly,
KATE C. BRECHNER.

O. E. S., LA PORTE CITY.

On last Tuesday night Lyra Chapter, No. 129, O. E. S., held a special election, and also installed its new officers for the ensuing year. Following is the list of the present officers:

Mrs. Lydia Hunt, W. M.; Mr. John Watterson, W. P.; Mrs. Mary E. Young, A. M.; Miss Mate Hamilton, Sec.; Mrs. A. E. Pickerill, Con.; Mrs. Flora E. Camp, Ass't Con.; Mrs. C. A. Reed, Chap.; Miss Jane Johnson, War.; Mr. T. L. Reed, Sen.; Miss L. Maud Wagoner, Organist; Miss Myrta T. Naven, Mars; Miss Rose Hamilton, Adah; Mrs. Nannie Young, Ruth; Mrs. Mae Narber, Esther; Miss Gertrude Cotton, Martha; Mrs. Mary A. McQuilkin, Electa.

A very pleasant incident occured just as the Chapter was about to adjourn. The members of the Order had long recognized the official services of Mrs. Mary E. Young as Worthy Matron, as being of the highest character; that to her, more than to any other, was credit due for organizing the Order in this place; and, when organized, for building it up and making it one of the most enthusiastic and perfect in its work of any Chapter in the state. Hence, on her retirement from the office it was thought fitting that the members take some action to impress upon her mind their personal and fraternal regard, which resulted in the purchase of a beautiful silver coffee pot, engraved with the following legend: "Presented to Mary E. Young by Lyra Chapter, No. 129, O. E. S., on January 15, 1895."

The pleasant duty of presenting this "token of regard" to Mrs. Young, and conveying to her the kindly sentiments of the members, devolved upon Mrs. Myrta T. Naven, who was unanimously selected by the members for this purpose, and the result showed that a better selection could not have been made. Seldom, or never, have we witnessed a thing of the kind more finely done; in tone, earnestness of manner, and choice of words—all was nearly perfect.—*Progress-Review.*

IOWA ITEMS.

By suspension of the rules, the Grand Matron and Grand Patron were permitted to make the appointment of committees after the session of the Grand Chapter.

By resolution, the Grand Chapter of Iowa, 1894, decided "that no new Chapter shall be organized within thirty days of the Session of the Grand Chapter, next following."

The Grand Secretary of Iowa, Mrs. Jackson, informs us that the Grand Matron will shortly announce her committees. We shall also be glad to announce the district deputies when the list is complete.

A committee of three (Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Eugene B. Dyke and Mrs. Sarah E. Woods were appointed to formulate a suitable opening and closing ceremony for the Grand Chapter at its future Sessions—(1894).

Wherever there is a Chapter of the Order in connection with the Masonic bodies in Iowa, their presence is evidenced by a trimness and neatness that is only possible where the deft hand of woman has set things to rights.

At the January meeting of Decorah Chapter No. 73 O. E. S., the following officers

were installed by Mrs. M. J. Adams, Past Matron of the same chapter: Mrs. M. E. Kelley, W. M.; E. Mather, W. P.; Mrs. Jennie Trzeinski, A. M.; Mrs. M. Aye, Secretary; C. S. Rice, Treasurer; Mrs. M. J. Adams, Con.; Mrs. Emma Zuckmayer, A. Con.; Mrs. Rusha Hislop, Chaplain; Mrs. Oliet Thompson, Adah; Mrs. C. S. Rice, Ruth; Miss Amelia Mather, Esther; Mrs. C. W. Steward, Electa; Chas. Trzeinski, Warder; C. W. Steward, Sentinel.

A YEAR'S RECORD OF THE NORTHWESTERN MASONIC AID ASSOCIATION.

In all the essentials to soundness and real prosperity the twenty-first annual report of the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association, of Chicago, shows 1894 to have been another year of substantial gain and progress. The usual examination of the affairs of the Association by the Honorable Bradford K. Durfee, Superintendent of Insurance of Illinois, and his assistants attest the correctness of its methods as well as the figures of the year's business submitted by the officers at the annual meeting of the Association. During the year, 11,547 new policies were written, insuring over $22,000,000. This is a larger number of new policies than the Association has before written in one year, showing a net increase of policies in force numbering more than two thousand, three hundred. The increase in membership is especially favorable to the association in that it carries with it new, young blood for more than four million dollars of insurance displacing that of older members who have retired or reduced their amount of risks to that extent. The death benefits for the year amounted to $1,884,697.14, making, in round numbers a grand total paid for death losses since organization, of $15,000,000. During the past two years nearly $445,000 in death losses were paid from the "general" or expense funds, which, added to the amount of general and expense funds now on hand or invested, and the sums previously paid out for death losses from the same source, makes the large total of over $1,200,000 saved to the policy holders of the Northwestern Masonic from funds all intended to be available for expenses but which through good management has not been so used. The net surplus on hand over actual liabilities also shows a handsome increase and now amounts to nearly $725,000.

Altogether, especially when taking into consideration the reduction in volume of all classes of conservatively managed business, the year has been a markedly successful one with this sturdy, old Association. Ripe with experience, as full of energy and as aggressive as ever, the general manager of the Association, James A. Stoddard, may justly pride himself upon the permanency of the results for which he has so determinedly labored during the more than twenty years of the Northwestern's existence. Solid and strong, of proved reliability, the Association is now prepared to issue its new "advancement" policies which are practically "paid-ups" in ten, fifteen or twenty-year terms. Intending insurers and agents should not fail to investigate this most excellent of life insurance associations. Its attractive displayed advertisement in another column is well worth reading.

The Masonic Constellation, of St. Louis, Mo., for January, is exceptionally valuable for the historical article by Dr. Vincil. From Dr. Kuhn's K. C. Department we quoted last month "The Election Evil." Numerous portraits of prominent Missouri Masons adorn this number, properly headed by W. M., Joshua B. Thomas, whose beard like Aaron's, goes down to (below) the skirts of his garments. We concede the palm of beauty in the group to Mrs. Dr. E. R. Waterhouse, W. M., of Tuscan Chapter O. E. S. No. 68. Nearly three columns of Shrine information shows up well for that department. Shine on, oh, constellation.

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TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Nantasket, Mass., Sept. 2 and 3, 1895.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Annual, Dec. 11, 1895.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, Annual.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

OFFICERS FOR 1894-5.

WILLIAM B. MELISH.....IMPERIAL POTENTATE
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Members ad Vitam:

1 Walter M. Fleming, New York.
2 Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
3 William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
4 Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Members Emeritus.

1 Albert Rawson, New York.
2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1895-6.

[We will here give the names of Representatives, date of their election, and name of Temple. Recorders will please forward returns on receipt of this.]

Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kansas—John H. Atwood, P. J. Freling, C. C. Goddard.

Acca, Richmond, Virginia—Louis P. Ecker.

Afifi, Tacoma, Washington—H. Allan.

Ahmed, Marquette, Michigan—John Q. Adams, Leroy M. Midlam.

Aladdin, Columbus, Ohio—John P. McCune.

Aleppo, Boston, Massachusetts—Benjamin W. Rowell, James A. Fox, Thomas Waterman, Charles H. Porter.

Algeria, Helena, Montana—George H. Casey.

Alhambra, Chattanooga, Tennessee—A. N. Sloan.

Al Chymia, Memphis, Tennessee—Bun. F. Price.

Al Kader, Portland, Oregon—Irving W. Pratt.

Al Koran, Cleveland, Ohio—Merwin Jackson, Horace A. Bishop, Evan Morris, Robert M. Hazeltine.

Al Malaikah, Los Angeles, California—Florin L. Jones, Franklin Jordan.

Almas, Washington, D. C.—Harrison Dingman, Geo. H. Walker, Harry Standiford, Frank H. Thomas.

Ararat, Kansas City, Missouri—Ethelbert F. Allen, William H. Brown, John H. Wiles, Arnold Shanklin.

Ballut Abyad, Albuquerque, New Mexico—Edward Medler.

Ben Hur, Austin, Texas—William H. Bell.

Boumi, Baltimore, Maryland—George W. Starr, J. B. Schwatka.

Cyprus, Albany, New York—Charles H. Armatage, Thos. J. Bishop.

Damascus, Rochester, New York—George F. Loder, William H. Whiting, Courtland Avery.

El Jebel, Denver, Colorado—Dec. 16, '94, S. W. Chaney, A. F. Vick Roy, A. B. McGaffey and J. H. Peabody.

El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah—Arthur M. Grant.

El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Dec. 12, C. W. Eaton, C. Rap., I. P., W. J. Jameson; Cl. Bl. W. N. Dearborn, Stone City; E. S. Childs, Waterloo.

El Katif, Spokane, Washington—Nathan B. Rundle.

El Riad, Sioux Falls, South Dakota—Park Davis, W. T. Doolittle, Frank A. Brown.

El Zagal, Fargo, North Dakota—Thomas Baker, Jr., F. B. Fancher.

Hamasa, Meridian, Mississippi—O. A. Harrison.

Hella, Dallas, Texas—L. M. Knepfley, James Garrity, Joseph Swope.

India, Oklahoma, O. T.

Isis, Salina, Kansas—Charles A. Hiller, John F. Merrill, James H Reeder.

Islam, San Francisco, California—Charles L. Field, Victor D. Duboce, Brilsford P. Flint, Charles L. Patton.

Ismailia, Buffalo, New York—Charles W. Cushman, Frank T. Gilbert, Geo. L. Brown, M. D., Erastus C. Knight.

Jesusalem, New Orleans, Louisiana, Richard Lambert.

Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa—Geo. F. White, I. P.; Geo. L. Osborn, Geo. M. Titus; Chas. M. Waterman.

Kismet, Brooklyn, New York—Wayland Trask, Clarence E. Stump, Frank C. Mason.

Kora, Lewiston, Maine—George D. Babbitt.
Korein, U. D., Rawlins, Wyoming.
Kosair, Louisville, Kentucky, William Ryan.

Lu Lu, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Joseph S. Wright, Edward B. Jordan, Frederick Leibrandt, Charles Cary.

Mecca, New York, N. Y.—Saram R. Ellison, Geo. W. Millar, James McGee, Joseph B. Eakins.

Medinah, Chicago, Illinois—Chester T. Drake, Robert M. Johnson, Thomas H. Currier, William Johnston.

Media, Watertown, New York—Dec. 10, Fred. W. Streeter; D. G. Eggleston.

Mohammed, Peoria, Illinois—Seth F. Haskins.
Moila, St. Joseph, Missouri—M. W. Steiner.
Moolah, St Louis—B. F. Nelson, G. W. Nieman, Otto F. Stifel.
Morocco, Jacksonville, Florida—O. Perie Havens.

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Mount Sinai, Montpelier, Vermont—Frank A. Dwinell, Elihu B. Taft.

Murat, Indianapolis, Indiana—John T. Brush, Jos. W. Smith, Henry H. McGaffey, Chalmers Brown.

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OUR MEDINAH GROUP.

Among the greater Temples of the Order there are six that have over one thousand Nobles enrolled. These stand in the following order at the last returns: Aleppo, Boston, 2312; Mecca, New York, 2204; Lulu, Philadelphia, Pa., 2197; Medinah, Chicago, 1907; El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, 1024; Syrian, Cincinnati, 1007. Among these there stands none higher for its progressive spirit than Medinah, of Chicago, Ill. To those who are acquainted with the city of Chicago, the imposing structure, at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Jackson street, cannot fail to be attractive, for there towers the Medinah Temple Building, a project owing its existence largely to the energy of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The tenth, eleventh and twelfth stories are occupied by the Nobility, and will, when finished, be one of the most splendid suite, finished in oriental grandeur, in this country. The lower stories are devoted to business purposes. We have no biographical sketches of the handsome sheiks whose portraits we print this month. They are too young to die, and we would not give half a story when so much more could be told; so here is merely the passing glance.

ILL. NOBLE WM. M. KNIGHT,

was the Illustrious Potentate of Medinah last summer when we went to Denver, and has always stood in the front rank of activity in his temple. That he is popular we judge by the sight of the eye and the hearing of the ear. Whenever we ventured near the state room on the Imperial train going west, we could hear the mellow tinkle of the (voices of the boys) engine bell, and above it roared Billy's voice, "boys, are you ashamed of your Pote!" when up spoke

ILL. NOBLE CHESTER T. DRAKE,

then his Chief Rabban, but known for being one of the most popular and likeable men in Chicago, (one of our kind of people religiously, too,) and said "you bet we're not." Chorus: "We don't want a drop from the whole of lake Michigan, for we're from Illinois." The mantle of Knight falls upon a worthy successor, and as an honorary member of Medinah, we make our salaam. Among the turbaned official Divan of Medinah, there is one spare, not lean looking gentleman who shares the honors of our group, whom all who know him will recognize.

ILL. NOBLE R. M. JOHNSON,

late Assistant, now Chief Rabban of Medinah Temple, and he is a worthy Noble to succeed to the royal purple shed by his predecessor and to which he brings a charming personality and the popularity that makes him the friend of all who know him.

And now, we aim to make as best we can our peace with

ILL. NOBLE JOHN CORSON SMITH.

About October, 1893, a streak of conceit struck in upon us, and we sent for and received the portrait of the venerable Noble, with permission to publish. The effort of our printer to run a fine half tone with ten-cent news ink, left us subject to the severest criticism, and we doubt not the good General thought we were making light of him with such miserable work. Thanks to our new life we've redeemed our feelings, and when General Smith gets around the world, this item and that calm and dignified cut will stare him in the face, and say, "We're with you once again."

We get a cheery greeting often, when far out on the desert, from the lone Arab who is the sole member of his community; then again a whole tribe of them swarm around us, some offering backsheesh.

Observers of the Imperial list will notice that a large percentage of the representatives of last year are returned again this time to the Council. Some have gone to their long rest and some have fallen by the way and among those going, many new faces will be seen next September.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

ZURAH, Minneapolis, Minn., has forwarded to us a copy of their beautifully bound By-Laws, Official List and Roster, which we shall prize as a souvenir of the visit we hope to pay ere long to the halls of Zurah.

ZEM ZEM, Erie, Pa., comes to us with a beautifully executed notice of their meeting for Feb. 7, 1895. We acknowledge a strong affection for the Nobles of Zem Zem, since we met their Representative on the way to Denver last summer. His fez is on straight, now mind you.

IMPERIAL ROSTER. We have through the kindness of the Imperial Recorder, Illustrious Noble B. W. Rowell, the Imperial official list of officers and representatives, from which we have in this number the completed returns, *ad vitem* members are in a separate place.

ISMAILIA, Buffalo, N. Y. We have their special notice, dated Jan. 21, 1895, to the members for the public (?) installation of officers, and banquet. Each Noble is entitled to accompaniment by one lady, and "is expected to enliven the hearts of the ladies by giving them every attention possible." Now, Illustrious Potentate, how are we to know when the affair came off when no date is given in the notice?

MEDINAH, Chicago, sends out to its members a notice that their club rooms, on the tenth floor of Mediah Temple Buildings, Fifth Avenue and Jackson street, are furnished and open for visitation and use. Reading room, billiard room, card room, etc., are open each week day from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., and Saturdays to 12 mid-night. Elevators run to those hours. We acknowledge the receipt of their Official Divan for 1895; also the regular monthly notice of their meeting for January 25. Business 6:30; ceremony 7:30 p. m. This Temple meets regularly on the last Friday of each month.

OSMAN, St. Paul, is up and coming, with a rare and festal gathering mapped for Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1895, at which we would heartily like to be present if it be possible. They promise to convert unbelievers by fin-de-Siecle methods, adopted for the first time by the officers of Osman. On with the fin-de!

KORA, Lewiston, Me., called the faithful Arabs from among the pine groves, on January 24, for a solemn celebration of the impending feasts. To judge by the pace of their camels, there must have been many of the wearers of the fez crowded into Lyceum Hall on that evening. With the notice came also a card in mourning, announcing the death of Noble C. W. Boynton, of Gardiner, on January 15, 1895.

"Friend after friend departs!
Who hath not lost a friend?"

EL KAHIR. The prospects are good for at least two meetings of El Kahir before May 1. Requests are coming into the Recorder's hands for blank applications and we opine the procession will be on the move in due time. Meanwhile speak up gentlemen and find out who wants to come in. We have felt some concern for the health of our Potentate, C. W. Eaton, as he has been quite ill; but we trust medicine, care and rest will fully restore him to health in a short time. Who of El Kahir's sons is going to Boston and Nantasket? By the way, the Recorder has a full supply of new fezes on hand at $3.50, and a few odds at $1.50.

MECCA, New York, the parent temple of the order in this country, signalizes her dignity by continuing to let her light shine afar. This temple was instituted Sept. 26, 1872, and precedes by some years all others in this imperial Jurisdiction. One of the "events" of 1895, over which we hear complimentary comment was their entertainment on "ladies night" January 10. Notice has reached us that a double header was to

be held Jan. 30 and 31, the first for business, and the second for ceremony. That is commendable and saves confusion. Noble Ellison, the Recorder, still wants employment for eleven Nobles. The financial reports of Mecca show her to be in a most healthy condition, a balance of $10,439.05 on hand, looks well.

MOHAMMED, Peoria, Ill., puts us personally and officially under obligations for an "invite" to ourself and lady at its reception and banquet, Tuesday evening, February 12, 1895, 8 to 12 o'clock. With the invitation came the notice of the extraordinary observances, earlier in the day. The caravan for Mecca forms at 2 p. m. After the ceremonies Nobles have time to go after their ladies. There's a young temple that we commend to the attention of all Nobles everywhere. Give the ladies a chance to attend the banquet once in a while.

SYRIAN, Cincinnati, O., comes at us with a *tableau* and official divan that was a serious vergent upon the discovery of some of the most treasured secrets of the Order. What a celebration of Washington's birthday that will be! Moleesloo'sh-shafa'ee-el-Iman founder of the Shafa'eeyeh Dervishes, long since one of the leading Mumo of Arabia, and famous for telling the truth, would like to be there; so would we, for when the "shaking of the side" cometh then some one will have to die. Syrian has the usual promiscuous group of double humpers playing smash with the tenderfeet while the Nobles ride high-headed into the gates. Here's in a horn of ink to the health of our good friends of Syrian Temple on the green Nile.

KAABA, Davenport, is famous for more than its two motherly acts of being first in Iowa, and making the writer a Noble of the Order. They fed over two hundred poor children on New Years day, and with a conscientious conservatism that always clings to those Davenport Nobles, they used only local special funds to pay the expenses. We do not think any man could help but approve the act, if it had been drawn direct from the treasury. The *Democrat* gave an extended description of the affair, which was elaborately gotten up in the Kaaba Hall in the temple and the royal ladies vied with their gentlemen friends in making the children happy and full of good things. A flash-light picture was taken and we hope will grace the Kaaba. The following card was published by the committee:

The undersigned committee, acting for the Kaaba Temple committee on charity, desire to acknowledge their obligations to the ladies and all others who assisted in making their New Year's dinner the success it was.

JOHN HOYT,
C. E. BIRCHARD,
GEO. L. OSBORN,
W. F. FIDLAR.
A. W. CANTWELL.

The hour of service was 3 o'clock p. m., and the menu consisted of a big fresh bun, cold turkey, baked beans *galore*, Vienna sausage, pickles, assorted cake, fruit and coffee. Kaaba lets her light shine. May her shadow ne'er grow less.

OUR CYRUS IS ILL.

Those of us who reside in and about the courts of El Kahir, have been so used to see our Illustrious Potentate the most active and unwearied of us all, and now as we write these lines we step more lightly and speak in lower tones, for he is very ill. Ever since the annual meeting in December last he has been suffering from severe nervous prostration and bronchial irritation. His physician hopes that with complete rest and care his health will again be restored, but like all of us who rush on thoughtlessly in our work he has found that greater care of his precious health must be observed. We know that the prayers of his unnumbered host of friends will go up to God that he may recover.

If it is all the same to "The Constellation," we'll keep the location of El Kahir Temple at Cedar Rapids, for the present.

THE FEZ.

The Nobles who read this item will no doubt be glad to know something definite about the indispensable head gear of our Order. Noble John Worthington, Deputy and Representative of Imperial Council at Malta Mediterranean Sea in 1886, received an answer from Hosayn Ibu Bezzan at Fez in Morocco, in which he gives the following authoritative information concerning the fez.

"The city of Fez (correctly written Fas) was founded by Sheareef Edris II., A. H. 195 (A. D. 793) and was an independent state until A. H. 956 (A. D. 1548), when it was absorbed by Morocco. When pilgrimages to Mekkah were interrupted by the Christian warriors in the fourth century A. H. (A. D. 980) the Mohammedans west of the Nile journeyed to Fez, as to a Holy City, and to this day no one but the faithful to Allah are permitted to enter the city proper without special permission from the authorities. Fez early became a seat of learning, drawing pupils and scholars from all parts of the Mohammedan world. Its manufactures were important from the first, and included jewelry, gold and silver cloth, silks, gauzes, sashes, carpets, head dresses (hair) and tarbooshes, which were soon known as fezzes, so named from this city. Caravans carried the goods in every direction, even as far as Timbuctoo in the South. The fez was dyed scarlet for the use of the students in the many colleges; but as it became a mark of learning in favor of the wearer it gradually displaced all other forms and colors, and became the peculiar headdress of the Moslem in all parts of the empire. The Turkish name is Kalpak. Arabs also call it Beritha, Bernetta, and Shemreer, but the classic term is Emaneh. Some of the Mangreebs use the name terbanti, and it is from that that Spanish, French and other Europeans (Giaouro) came to call it turban. Red or scarlet is the only orthodox color for the fez, while the outer covering may be of any color or combination of colors, according to the rank or dignity of the wearer."

The custom of the various sects of Dervishes is to adopt a certain form and color of head-dress, which may or may not include the fez, with or without an outer wrap. There is in this city (Fez), in the White district, or New City, a company of the faithful who say they are Shareefs, and descendants in a direct line from Mohammed (Allah, favor and preserve him). The head of that body is learned in all things established by the Prophet (whose name be praised), and, if your associates are of the same order of the faith, he would gladly give you every information desired. This honored and respected name is Moh Mood Ben Hassan Al Hay.

A white cotton cap is worn inside the fez as a protection to it from perspiration, and the various oily dressings of the head in the barber shop. This cap is called Takeeyeh, and is sometimes stitched in a very ornate style.

When the fez is covered by cloth of different colors as a means of distinguishing various orders and classes in society, the Imam affects a very large white turban, and the student of theology or law a smaller one: the doctor, one of figured muslin, made very formal in front by crossing the folds carefully: the merchant, a small white or figured wrap, or cashmere shawl, not too large; and Jews are required to use blue only, or none.

Many families in the early years of Mohammedan rule adopted a certain color and style of turban, or emameh, which has continued by their descendants to the present. The descendants of Mohammed chose green as the color for Shareefs. (If any wrap is used about the fez in the Temple, it should, according to this account, be green.—J. W.) In A. H. 778 (A. D. 1376), Shareefs were ordered to wear dresses of green also. Now only Shareefs of undoubted pedigree are permitted to wear green, while others of the faithful must earn the privilege by a pilgrimage to the Kaabah and the Holy Hill Arafat. Workmen wear white, gray, brown, any color except green or blue, but of very small size. Ornaments are proper only for persons of rank and dignity, in the service of the government, or professors of science or art."—From Proceedings Imperial Council 1887, p. p. 46, etc.

In the proceedings of the same year page 31, a resolution was adopted referring the determination of the color of the fez and by whom to be worn, to the committee on jurisprudence and laws to report at the next annual session.

WHY KICK?

We believe that the Masonic journals, whose editors and correspondents keep discussing the question whether the Mystic Shrine is or is not a Masonic body, should seek information where it is most likely to be found. A copy of "The Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America," can be had of Illustrious B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder. To accept as authority the statement of any individual or periodical concerning the question, does not carry with it any weight; it is to be deplored that the mistake occurs, but the order as such, has not, does not, and will not claim to be a Masonic body. We honor the wisdom of those who laid the foundation of its beginnings in this country, in their making the prerequisites for membership what they did. The Mystic Shrine makes no disturbance in the ranks of Masonry; its Imperial Council is a dignified and representative body of men, and so far as we have had the privilege of acquaintance with local Temples, they are orderly, benevolent and respectable. We can therefore see no reason to keep kicking at the Mystic Shrine.

We are glad that so many are pleased with the change.

CAMEL TRACKS.

The camels are coming!

When the snows have melted from the prairies, the caravans will move.

The "rosters" and official registers are on the wing, and some of them are expensive works of art.

By common consent, Noble William Burgess, is the Potentate of Iowa Falls. For camels he drives a pair of prize Saint Bernard dogs.

If both critic and apologist of the Mystic Shrine, took a little more trouble to find out from the authoritive records what it really does profess to be, it might facilitate their statements of fact and modify their utterances of mere fancy.

We send a complimentary copy of this Magazine to each Recorder of the temples in North America, and while we ask no particular return therefor we would be glad to have them show it to the Nobles and if convenient accept subscriptions. The expense of forwarding which we will gladly pay.

With the usual growth that has attended the two Iowa Temples it is reasonable to presume that there will be two thousand members in this state before the close of the present year. For their age, and the limited constituancy from which to draw their numbers, this is a remarkable increase, yet it is only about the average of all other temples throughout North America.

Dr. Ellison, Recorder of Mecca, enters the lists and knocks our Cyrus and the Imperial Potentate out on the claim of having created the largest number of Nobles. Here he goes: "I see that Imperial Billy and Cy. Eaton (a nice pair) claim to have created more Nobles than any other Potentate. Now those two fellows would claim anything, but when you want information why don't you send to the Parent Temple. Our

first Potentate, Dr. W. M. Feming, created in Mecca Temple 1320 Nobles, and only Allah knows how many to state other temples; our present Potentate, A. W. Peters, has created 1649, and I believe there are others; for instance, Joe Wright, of Lu Lu Temple, he may possibly out-class us all." The good doctor adds to the interest, and if either of the maligned (above) make a fuss, we know a "quiet place" at Nantasket where pistols and clams can be ordered.

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